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## Bryce Canyon National Park News Release

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## Bryce Canyon National Park Launches "Every Kid in a Park" Pass

Bryce Canyon National Park is proud to participate in the "Every Kid in a Park" program as part of President Obama's commitment to protect our nation's unique outdoor spaces and ensure that more Americans have the opportunity to visit and enjoy them.



(Photo: a fourth grade class with their passes)

Fourth graders should visit the "Get Your Pass" section of the Every Kid in a Park website

(www.everykidinapark.gov) and complete a fun educational activity in order to obtain and print their pass. If they desire, students can exchange their paper pass for a more durable "keepsake" Fourth Grade Annual Pass at Bryce Canyon National Park and many other participating federal sties nationwide.

The Fourth Grade Annual Pass provides free access to more than 2,000 federally-managed lands and waters – including national parks,

forests and wildlife refuges. The pass is valid throughout the 2015-2016 school year (September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016) and grants free entry for all occupants of the vehicle in which the fourth grader is riding (the fourth grader must be present for pass to be valid).

Teachers are encouraged to visit the <a href="www.everykidinapark.gov">www.everykidinapark.gov</a> website to access educational activities, field trip options, and the ability to print passes for their classrooms. Parents visiting the website can find additional links for more information on planning trips to visit their public lands.

Bryce Canyon Superintendent Lisa Eckert says, "We're excited to welcome fourth graders and their families to Bryce Canyon National Park throughout the school year. We hope that our young visitors have fun in the great outdoors and develop a lifelong connection to our nation's lands, waters, and wildlife."

Leading up to the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the National Park Service in 2016, President Obama launched the Every Kid in a Park iniative earlier this year as a call to action to get all children to experience America's unparalleled outdoors. This iniative is a crucial component of a multi-pronged approach to inspire the next

generation to discover all that our nation's public lands and waters have to offer, including opportunities to be active, spend time with friends and family, and serve as living classrooms to build critical skills.

The Every Kid in a Park program is administered in partnership with the Department of the Interiro, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Education, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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